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SUBJECT: JULY 9 DECLARATION OF SOVIET AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY
COMMITTEE ON LEBANON

REF: (A) MOSCOW 9221, (B) MOSCOW 9519(NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. DECLARATION BY AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE
IN JULY 10 PRAVDA IS LESS STRIDENT THAN
TASS JUNE 9 STATEMENT, LESS CONCERNED WITH IMMINENT THREAT
OF OUTSIDE INTERVENTION; BUT COMES DOWN HARDER ON SYRIAN
INVOLVEMENT AND IMPERIALIST-ISRAELI RESPONSIBILITY FOR
LEBANESE FRATRICIDE. SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE OFFERS NO NEW
IDEAS FOR WAY OUT OF IMPASSE, BUT UPS LEVEL OF INTERNAL
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CONTRADICTION IN SOVIET POLICY LINE BY CALLING FOR

SOLUTION BY LEBANESE THEMSELVES WITHOUT ANY SORT OF OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE BUT WITH PARTICIPATION OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES. EMBASSY READS ALL THIS AS INDICATION OF SOVIET DISSATISFACTION WITH COURSE OF LEBANESE EVENTS IN GENERAL, AND WITH RECENT KHADDAM-GROMYKO TALKS IN MOSCOW IN PARTICULAR. END SUMMARY.

2. ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS FBIS TEXT OF DECLARATION. EMBASSY IS STRUCK NOT ONLY BY DECLARATION'S IMPLICIT ADMISSION THAT SOVIET UNION HAS NO REAL POLICY, NOT EVEN REACTIVE ONE, TOWARD LEBANESE MESS, BUT ALSO BY CONTRAST BETWEEN DECLARATION'S "MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER" TONE AS CONTRASTED WITH BELLIGERENT POSTURING IN JUNE 9 TASS STATEMENT (REF A).

3. WHILE FAIR NUMBER OF LICKS ARE TAKEN IN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE'S DECLARATION OVER NEFARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF IMPERIALISTS AND "RULING CIRCLES OF ISRAEL", WE ARE STILL STRUCK BY ABSENCE IN DECLARATION OF ANY CONCERN OVER WESTERN INTERVENTION. THIS IS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO THREATENING LANGUAGE IN LAST MONTH'S TASS STATEMENT.

4. COMING ON HEELS OF DEPARTING SYRIAN FONMIN KHADDAM, SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE'S TERSE DESCRIPTION OF SYRIAN MILITARY INTERVENTION AS HAVING "COMPLICATED THE SITUATION EVEN MORE" MUST BE INTERPRETED AS SLAP AT SYRIANS. TIMING SUGGESTS THAT KHADDAM WAS UNABLE TO SATISFY SOVIETS THAT PRESENT AND FUTURE SYRIAN MOVES IN LEBANON WOULD IN ANY WAY ENABLE MOSCOW TO PULL EVEN ITS OWN CHESTNUTS OUT OF THE FIRE.

5. THIS GLOOMY PROSPECT HAS NOT ONLY DEPRIVED MOSCOW OF ANY NEW IDEAS VIS-A-VIS LEBANON, BUT HAS CAUSED IT TO HEIGHTEN THE INTERNAL CONTRADICTION OF ITS OLD, DELIBERATELY VAGUE LINE. DECLARATION'S STATEMENT THAT LEBANESE CRISIS CAN AND MUST BE SOLVED "BY LEBANESE THEMSELVES WITHOUT ANY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE, WITH PARTICIPATION OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES" FUDGES QUESTION OF INTER-ARAB EFFORTS (ABOUT WHICH NOT A WORD IS SAID) TO BRING CEASEFIRE AND PEACE TALKS TO

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BEAR ON LEBANESE CIVIL WAR.

6. FINALLY, SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE REITERATES PLEA THAT LEBANON NOT WEAKEN ARAB RESISTENCE TO ISRAEL, WHICH HAS BECOME A STAPLE OF RECENT SOVIET COMMENT, AND SWITCHES ORDER OF BATTLE BETWEEN THIRD AND LAST PARAS TO PUT PALESTINIANS AHEAD OF LEBANESE "NATIONAL-PATRIOTIC FORCES" IN CONCLUSION. LEBANON HAS THUS TURNED

SOVIET POLICY OF STAYING FRIENDS WITH BOTH SYRIANS
AND PALESTINIANS INTO CLOSED CIRCLE: A
TILT IN EITHER DIRECTION HURTS SOVIETS WITH THE OTHER
SIDE, AND PROBABLY, AT THIS POINT, WITH BOTH. MATLOCK

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